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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT: DDI Activity Report 4-8 November 1985

DCI/DDCI Assigned Tasks

As an outgrowth of the DCI's desire to improve intelligence support to the US Military abroad, CPAS began providing to the military commands [redacted] selected DI and NID documents on military, political, and economic issues in the USSR and in Europe. [redacted]

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OGI and SOVA prepared talking points on debt and trade issues, the PRC trade situation, and Soviet policy in Asia and the Third World for the DCI's East Asian trip.

OSWR prepared talking points for the DCI to use in response to SSCI questions about the Walker case.

NESA drafted talking points for the DCI on the insurgency in Afghanistan and prospects for Middle East peace negotiations, and prepared a memorandum for the DCI summarizing the background and activities of Imad Mughniyah, the Hizballah terrorist leader believed responsible for kidnapping American hostages in Lebanon.

OEA prepared briefing papers for the DCI on recent developments in the Philippines and implications of the snap elections, and on Vietnamese defenses and strategy on the Sino-Vietnamese border.

ACIS is drafting a DCI letter to the President on monitoring the new US proposal.

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Policy Support

OCR's August briefing of Richard McCormack, Ambassador to the Organization of American States (OAS), is paying off. As a result of that meeting, an OCR analyst debriefs the Special Assistant to the Ambassador every two weeks on the Ambassador's contacts.

OGI briefed William Martin, NSC Staff, on Soviet equipment needs and western availability, and Mark Dion, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics Matters and Caroleen Williams, INM Program Officer for Asia, on narcotics issues in Southeast and Southwest Asia. Dion and Williams also visited OGI/Strategic Narcotics Branch for a comprehensive briefing on branch operations.

OGI provided DIA with statistics on anti-US terrorist incidents in Greece, Spain, and Turkey, and the State Department with data on terrorist attacks against US interests in the United Kingdom and Switzerland.

OSWR's heavy briefing schedule included Ambassador Tower and the START Delegation in Geneva on Soviet ballistic missiles, Dr. Morrey Katz (DoE) on technical aspects of international nuclear safeguards technology; Frank Gaffney (Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategic Policy) on the impact of arms control and strategic development programs; Dr. Bruce Murray (Staff of CalTech and former Director of JPL) at NASA headquarters on Soviet Space Transportation Systems; and Dr. Burton Edelson (NASA) on China's space and DBS programs.

EURA and OEA prepared the first of what is likely to become a series of assessments on the Economic Summit scheduled for Tokyo in May 1986. Country position papers were prepared for Stephen Danzansky, the new Special Assistant for International Economic Affairs at the NSC, in preparation for the first Sherpa meeting later this month.

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C/ACIS met several times this week with Dr. Adelman, D/ACDA, and an Intelligence Community team

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The DDI and OSWR officers attended an OSWR-funded conference in Boston on the National Security Implications of Technology Transfer.

NESA held a three-day conference on India and Pakistan in Charlottesville, Virginia. The conference featured a panel of academic and government regional experts. Participants represented diverse segments of the intelligence and policymaking communities, including State, DoD, Commerce, IPAC, CENTCOM, DIA, and CIA.

NESA Persian Gulf analysts have put their newly installed IBM PCs to work by creating eight political and military databases and successfully transferring PC-based word processing files directly into CPAS' ETECS system.

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EURAs East European Division held a two-day conference to discuss substantive and administrative issues among analysts, managers, and secretaries. Substantive discussions focused on whether the Division still accepted the judgment of a March 1984 NIE that the odds favor a political crisis in one or more East European states before the decade is out. Roughly half of the Division agreed with this judgment, and Romania was seen as the country most vulnerable to a crisis.

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Briefings on the Hill

There were 16 briefings on the Hill this past week.

ALA briefed House Foreign Affairs staffers on the Nicaraguan opposition and on Angola. ALA and SOVA also briefed six Congressmen on MI-25s in Nicaragua.

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OEAS participated with the NIO/East Asia at hearings of the Asian Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and will brief Senator Sasser on recent developments in the Philippines. NESAS and SOVAS briefed Sasser on the war in Afghanistan.

SOVA briefed Richard Kaufman, a staff member of the Joint Economic Committee of Congress, on trends in Soviet naval deployment and the costs of naval programs.

ACIS attended a hearing by HPSCI on intelligence support to the Standing Consultative Committee, and is putting finishing touches on its preparations for a briefing next week to the HPSCI about intelligence support to the SCC, is working with NIO/SP in response to a set of questions from the HPSCI concerning monitoring and strategic forces issues, and is reviewing a draft response to the SSCI request for a report by the DCI and D/ACDA on telemetry alternatives.

ACIS, along with OSWR, SOVA, DIA, and NPIC, briefed the HPSCI Staff here on SS-25s.


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